North Hampton Heritage Commission Minutes - August 24, 2000

Present: Jenifer Landman, Priscilla Leavitt, Robert Southworth, Jane Meneghin, Barbara Hobby, Lloyd Sullivan, Roland Neves of the Conservation Commission, and Amy Kane of the Atlantic News.

Jane Meneghin, newly sworn Commissioner, was welcomed. Minutes for July 29th and August 10th were accepted.

Lloyd Sullivan explained that donations given to the town, even ear-marked for brochure, by law would go into the general fund and not to the Heritage Commission or brochure. He said that the only way he could see that donations could be received specially for that purpose would have to go through the Historical Society. Before Lloyd left the meeting, he was asked about storage for the Historical Society's artifacts and historical documents. Lloyd left briefly to meet with 1 or 2 other Selectmen, and returned with confirmation that storage would be made available to the Society.

Roland Neves discussed land issues relating to historic preservation, more specifically regarding land purchase or donations to conservation for open space. He is a member of the Land Acquisition Sub-committee, which include: P. Wilson, Dick Wolmar, Bob Fields, George Lagassa, and others. The project is named "North Hampton Forever" with its goal to preserve the New England open countryside and small town atmosphere.

Priscilla posed a question about the Philbrick Tin Shop. Roland said that land given to the town could someday be used to place historical structures upon. More immediately his committee saw land used for a walking/bicycle/cross-country ski trails.

Our Commission voted to officially endorse the efforts of the Land Acquisition Committee. Jenny was to write a note in support of those efforts. Roland offered to show a video after the meeting to those who could stay. Amy Kane took notes to report the presentation in the newspaper.

The Commission voted to set aside \$450 of our expense account for the Walking Tour Brochure. LBHC had wanted to know the amount for a possible contribution themselves.

Status Reports:

- 1. Rotary Request for Donation: The Historical Society had originally decided not to send a letter. However, subsequently, did vote send an abbreviated letter to them. Janet Taylor, President, sent a letter and is awaiting a response.
- 2. Original photos for Town Hall Area Tour: Janice believes Mike Kelly has photos or Jane Palmer. Mike does not have them, so we will have to look in the New Hampshire room files.
- 3. Reporting to Alliance: Per Janice, LBHC, NHC can do it.
- 4. Brochure progress discussed briefly.

Meeting adjourned at noon. Jenny and Amy stayed to see Roland's video.